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12. Cecil Smith
13. James Smith
14. Harry White
15. James Wiley
16. Nathaniel Williams
17. Lyon
18. Jones Florida

THE PAYNE SINGERS

1. The Payne Singers shall be under the direct supervision of the Dean of the Chapel, Professor Isaac Clark, and the faculty of Payne Theological Seminary.
2. Membership shall be open to the students in Payne Seminary and Wilberforce University, upon approval of the Payne Theological Seminary faculty.
3. Members of the group shall be required to maintain a 2 point academic average and to exemplify the "Payne Ideals" in their conduct.
4. Activities:
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beginning with the Spring quarter,
Yours sincerely,

Charles Gilton, Faculty Secretary

Rembert Stokes, Dean



THE CONSTITUTION OF THE PAYNE SINGERS

PREAMBLE--We the members of the Payne Singers of Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce, Ohio in order to form a more efficient musical organization, propagate the ideals of our Seminary, and help extend the kingdom of God among men do establish this constitution for the Payne Singers.

ARTICLE I-- Name of the organization. The name of the organization shall be known as the "Payne Singers".

ARTICLE II-- Officers. The officers of the organization shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Business Manager, Treasurer, and Librarian.

ARTICLE III-- Election of Officers-- Vacancies-- Dismissals.

Section 1. Officers shall be elected annually on the first meeting of the Singers at the beginning of the fall quarter. Section 2. All Officers shall hold office until successors are elected.

Section 3. All vacancies shall be filled permanently by a general election of the body, voting by secret ballot or standing. (See section 6 of same Article).

Section 4. Election of officers to fill vacancies shall take place on the first meeting of the singers after the vacancy or vacancies have occurred. (See Sec. 6 of same Art.)

Section 5. A plurality vote shall be necessary for election. (See Section 6 of same Article)

Section 6. In case of a vacancy or vacancies the President shall appoint a temporary successor or successors to fill the vacancy or vacancies until an election can be held, or in case the presidency is vacant the Vice-president will make such an appointment.

ARTICLE IV-- Qualification for officers. Candidates for election must have been a member of the Singers in good standing for at least one (1) year.

ARTICLE V--Duties of Officers.

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings, appoint necessary committees, advise all members and officers on all matters pertaining to the welfare of the group, and cooperate with the Dean of the Seminary and director or directress of the Singers in all matters relative to the work of the group.

Section 2. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in his absence, secure adequate means of transportation for the group on each engagement and upon arrival at the designated place see that the stage, etc., are in readiness for the concert, and shall be a member of the business committee.

Section 3. The Secretary shall record the minutes of the group, read the same at the request of the presiding officer, work in conjunction with the business manager in matters pertaining to correspondence and maintain one (1) copy of the treasurer's report.

Section 4. The Business Manager shall make the necessary contacts for all engagements of the group, clear all engagements through the Seminary Dean's office and with the director or directress, will plan and inform the group of the necessary provisions, e.g. eating, lodging, etc., will get adequate funds from the Dean's office, inform the treasurer of the exact amount secured, allocate all monies for the expenses of the trip, collect receipts for all monies disbursed, return for said receipts to the treasurer, turn monies collected from the engagements back to the Dean, return receipt from monies turned over to the Dean to the treasurer, and act as chairman of the business committee.

Section 5. The treasurer shall keep a record of all financial transactions and report the same to the group at its next regular meeting, collect all funds received for engagements, turn collected funds over to the business manager, receive money from all monies turned over to the business manager, and act as a member of the business committee.

Section 6. The Librarian shall be responsible for the preservation of all group music and past records and have present all music desired by the director or directress at all rehearsals, concerts, etc.

ARTICLE VI--Members--Admission--Dismissal.

Section 1. All members must be a student at Payne Seminary or Wilberforce University or both.

Section 2. Admission to the Payne Singers will be determined by the director or directoress after a thorough voice test.

Section 3. Any member of the Payne Singers who is absent from three (3) regular rehearsals during any one quarter without a legal excuse shall automatically dismiss himself from the singers. This also applies to members who are late thirty minutes (30) late for regular rehearsals. (See Art. 8, Sec. 4).

Section 4. Any member who exhibits improper conduct anywhere shall be dismissed from the Singers after careful investigation by the disciplinary committee.

ARTICLE VII--Meetings

Section 1. The Payne Singers shall hold regular business meetings during the first (1) and third (3) weeks of each school month.

Section 2. All members of the Singers shall be eligible to participate in all regular business meetings, except for special committee meetings, and shall be permitted to vote on all issues.

Section 3. One-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the members at a regular meeting and two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the members at a special meeting of the Singers shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. Special meetings may be called by the president when he deems it necessary.

ARTICLE VIII--Committees--Duties.

Section 1. The standing committees shall be: Business Committee and Disciplinary Committee.

Section 2. Special Committees are to be appointed by the president.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the Business Committee to assist the business manager in all matters pertaining to that office.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Disciplinary Committee to carefully investigate all reports of improper conduct on the part of the members, warn all members who have missed at least two (2) rehearsals during a quarter and notify all delinquent members of their status.

Section 5. The Business Committee shall be composed of not less than five (5) members, including the Business Manager, Vice-President, and Treasurer.

Section 6. The Disciplinary Committee shall be composed of at least five (5) members, including the director or directoress.

ARTICLE IX--Amendments. This constitution shall only be amended by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority vote of all members after notices of the proposed amendment or amendments have been posted at least two (2) weeks in advance of the meeting to amend the constitution.

BY LAWS OF THE PAYNE SINGERS

ARTICLE I--Order of Business.

- A. Call to order by presiding officer
- B. Roll call
- C. Reading of minutes
- D. Old business
- E. Committee reports
- F. New business
- G. Adjournment

ARTICLE II--Robert's Rules of Order shall be the guide for parliamentary procedure.

ARTICLE III--Dress. The proper dress for concerts shall be determined by the director or directoress.

ARTICLE IV The advisor for the group shall be asked to participate in all matters pertaining to the Payne Singers.

THE END

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UNDER DIRECTION OF MARIE YOUNG WARE

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"Ave Maria"	Areadelt
	II
Tenor	Selected
	Mr. Cloyd Trout
	III
"O Word of God Incarnate"	Arr. by H. Hungerford
"Bless the Lord O My Soul"	Ippolitor Ivanov
"The Lords Prayer"	Malotte
"Rise Up, O Man of God"	Reed-Culver
	IV
Baritone	Selected
	Mr. Melvin Campbell
	V
"Where'er You Walk"	Handel
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	VII
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"Lord I Want To Be A Christian"	
"Certainly Lord"	
"Somebodys Calling My Name"	
"Climbing Up The Mountain"	
"Oh Mary Oh Martha"	
"His Name So Sweet"	
	VIII
"Hallelujah, Amen"	Handel
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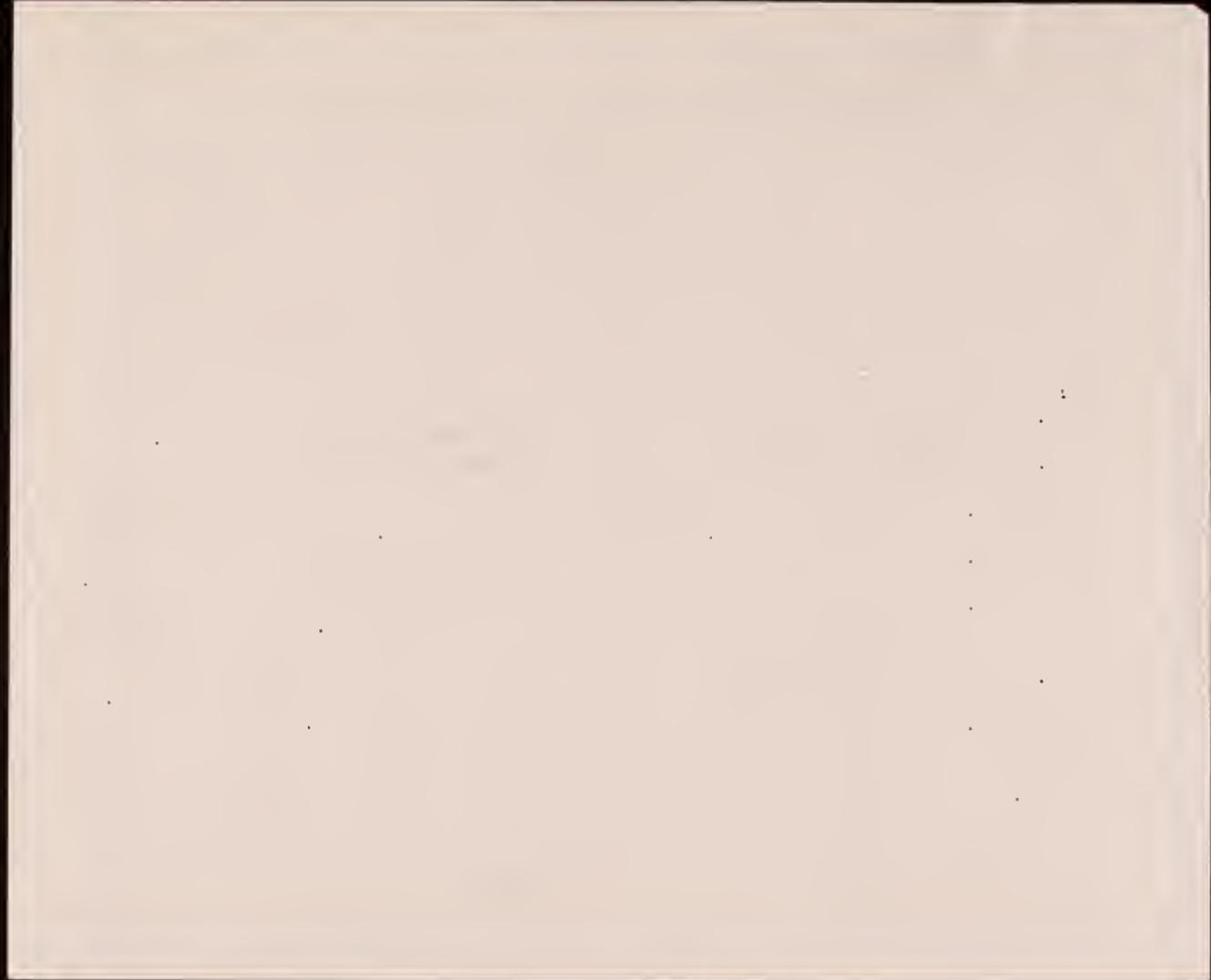
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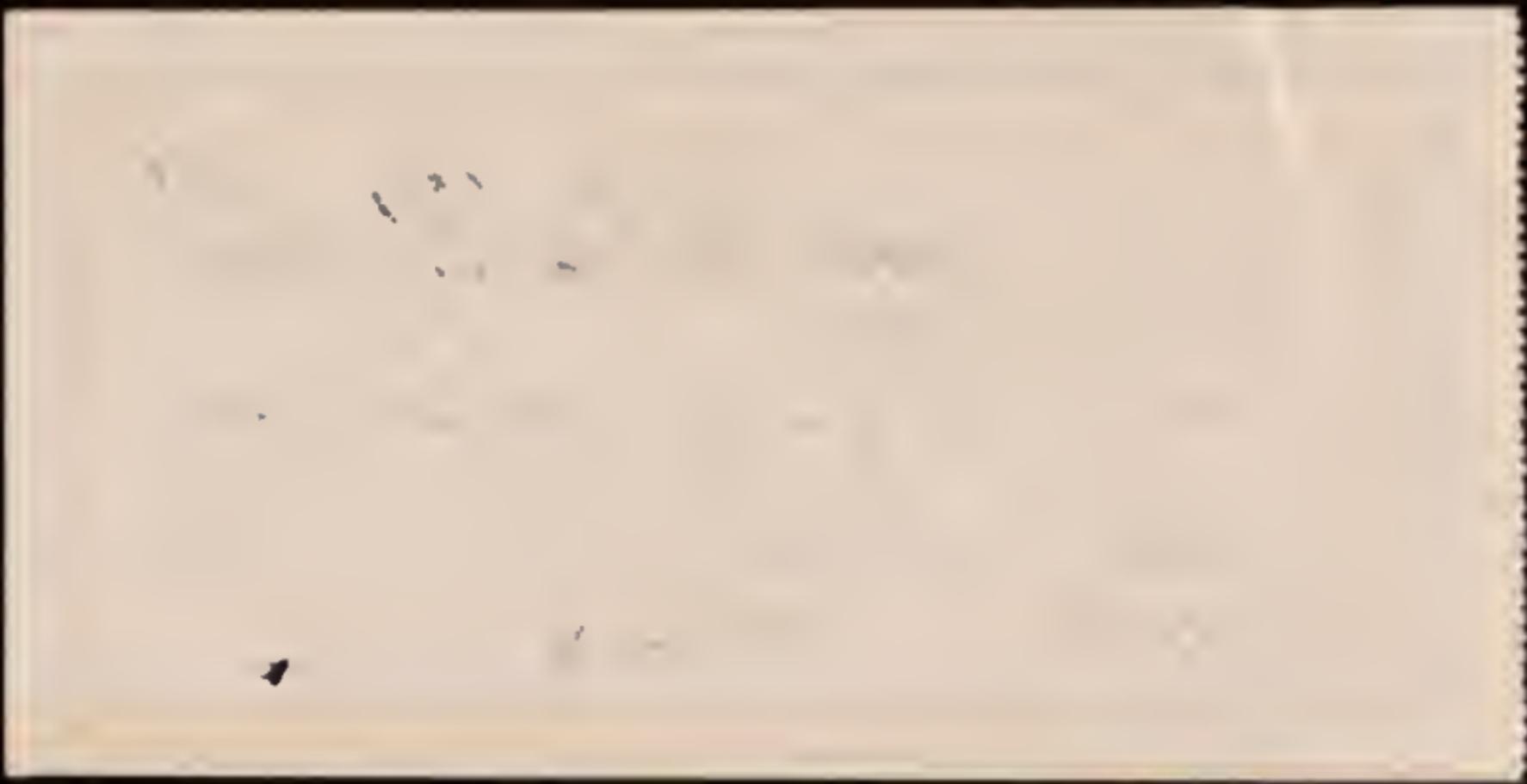
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May 16 1950
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TO: Dean John H. Lewis
Payne Theological Seminary
Wilberforce, Ohio

RE: Payne Singers Concert Tour

Second Baptist Church, Sandusky, Ohio
(Place) (City, State)

Total Amount Collected	\$ <u>130. 00</u>
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TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ <u>42. 75</u>
NET PROFIT	\$ <u>87. 25</u>
AMOUNT SUBMITTED WITH THIS REPORT	\$ <u>87. 25</u>

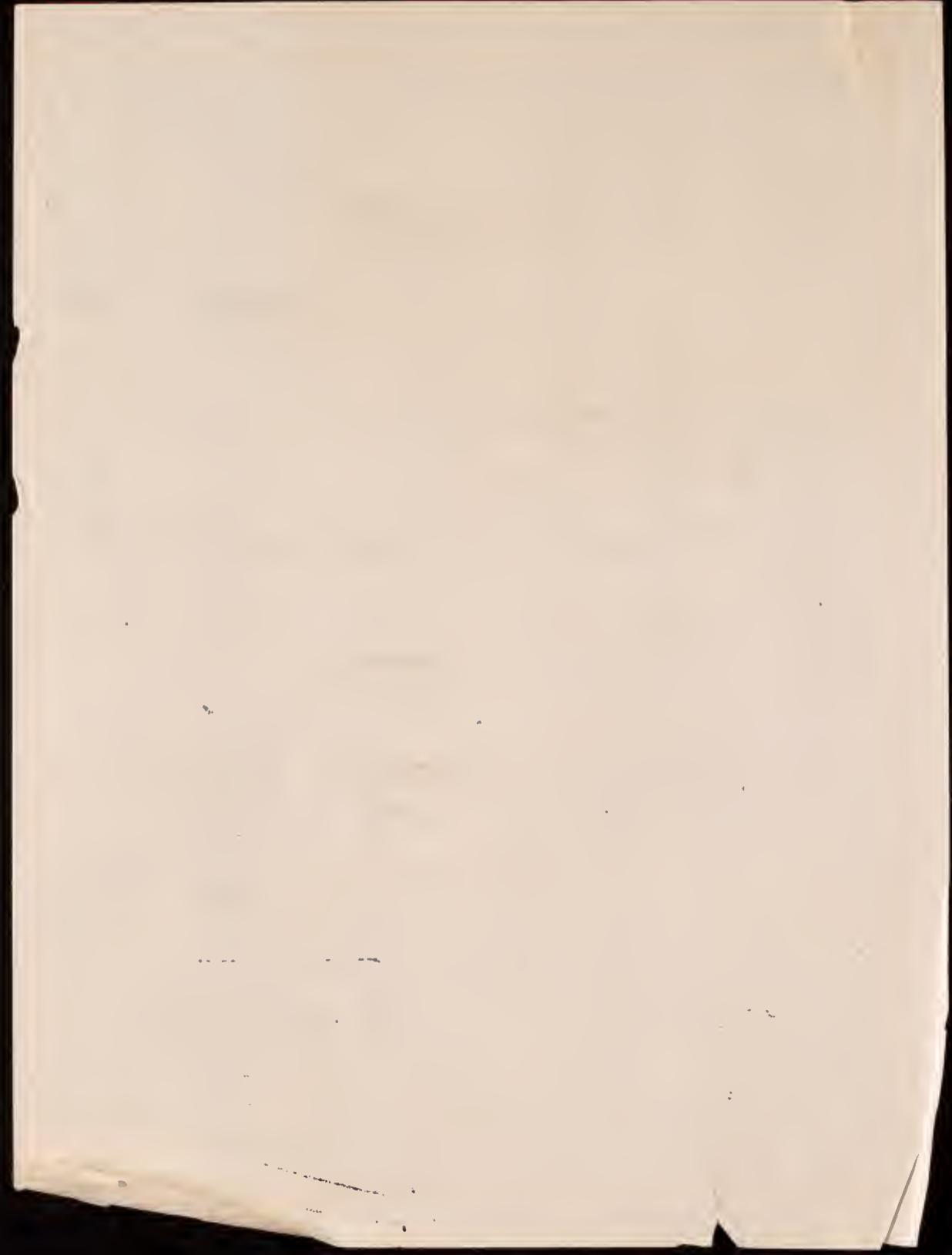
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December 18, 1951

Deam R. Stokes
Payne Seminary
Wilberforce, Ohio

My dear Deam Stokes:

After season's greetings to you and your faculty and students, this comes to invite the Payne Singers to appear at St. Stephen Church in a concert. They were here last year under the direction of Mrs. Baber, the wife of our Bishop. We would like for them to come this year under the auspices of our Men Club. We would like a date during the first of February, namely Monday, February 4th or Friday, February 8th our first choice of course is Monday February 4th.

Let me hear from you immediately that preparation maybe made for a successfully evening. We would appreciate a statement of your fee for such a trip and service.

Very sincerely,


Chas. S. Spivey, Minister

CSS:gam



*Ans
Mar 20*

Batavia, Ohio

February 18, 1952

Mrs. Marie Young Ware

Payne Theological Seminary

Wilberforce University

Wilberforce, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Ware:

We are inquiring of you the terms for a Thursday night concert April 17th at 8 P.M. for the Payne Singers.

We opened a \$1,000.00 rally Feb. 17th to remodel and r decorate the interior of our church.

We would appreciate it very much if the Payne Singers could come to us.

Please let us know by return mail the terms and if they will be available.

In His Fellowship:

In Pepl.:
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Our
Dear Friends -

Yours letter rec'd and
Contents carefully noted.

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possible for you to come
this coming semester about the
last of April or first of May.
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Afternoon.

Our Pastor asked could you
come on a 50-50 basis as we
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But ~~we~~ do the best we
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Very truly yours
Mrs. Julian Gray
436 1/2 st
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Mrs

232 Osborne Street
Rossford, Ohio
12 March 1952

Dear Brother Johnson,

Your letter has been received. It was our desire to have the Payne Singers on that Sunday Afternoon, which we feel is better because of certain other events about town on the dates you have given us.

We regret that the change had to come about. If you can come the first Sunday in June at 3:00 P.M., we will appreciate the same. This day, June 1, is open and we hope that it will meet with your approval and schedule.

Please let us hear from you soon in regard to this this matter.

Yours sincerely,
Moses Wright, Jr.
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Minister
Erie A.M.E. Church



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God Our Father

Christ Our Redeemer
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Man Our Brother

March 7

Dr. R. Stokes
Payne Seminary
Wilberforce, Ohio

Dear Sir:

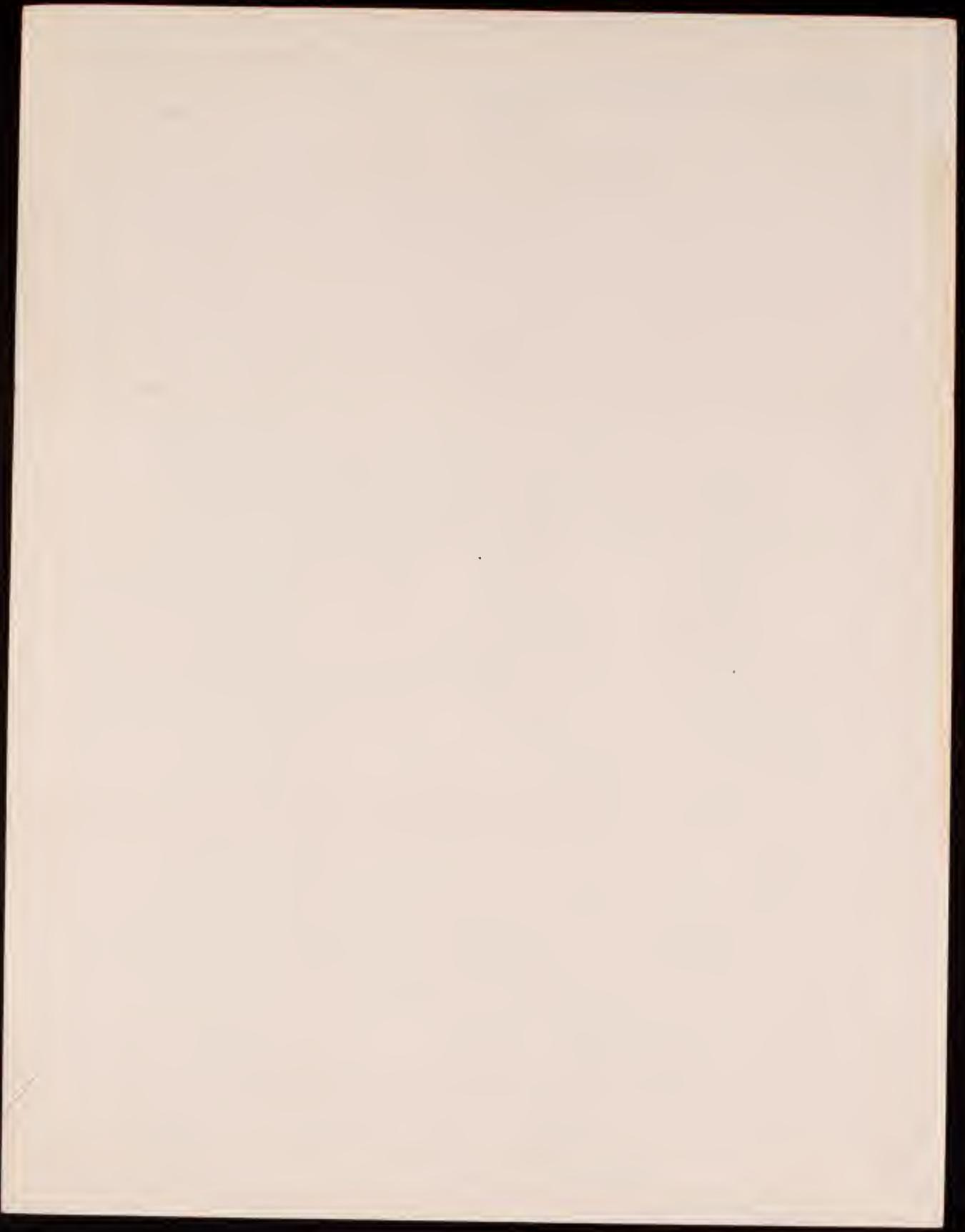
Will The Payne Singers be in this area at any time this school year? If so, could you arrange to get them to appear under our auspices at a date and time suitable to them? We realize that to bring them all the way from Ohio here would be prohibitive, financially, therefore we would like to arrange for them at a time when they might be in this area. Perhaps around the time of General Conference? What are their financial arrangements for a program, and any other details?

Hoping to hear from you soon, I am

Yours for service,

C.E. Duke

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The Ohio Methodist Student Movement

WESLEY FOUNDATIONS and WESLEY FELLOWSHIPS

Ohio and North-East Ohio Conferences

April 29, 1953

II Payne Singers

Dean Remford Stokes
Payne Theological Seminary
Wilberforce College
Wilberforce, Ohio

Dear Rem:

On behalf of the Ohio Methodist Student Movement, we want to express our appreciation to you for the use of the lovely Payne Theological Chapel. Although it is incomplete, we can already begin to see what a beautiful chapel it will be, and I know that you are getting anxious to have it completed so that you might have the use of it.

Several of our students told us that the high point of our entire conference was the communion service in the Chapel. I do not know of any other setting which would have been as effective as the one there.

We also want to express our deep appreciation to you for your participation, and to the chorus, and to the ushers, and all others who may have had a part in helping to make that service such a fine success.

You certainly can be proud of that wonderful chorus. We are really looking forward to having them up here sometime, when we might have them sing for our students. They really added tremendously to the service.

Your ushers, also, did an excellent piece of work. The ushers seem to me to be the unsung heroes at many services of that kind, for without them the service does not go smoothly, and it did in this case,

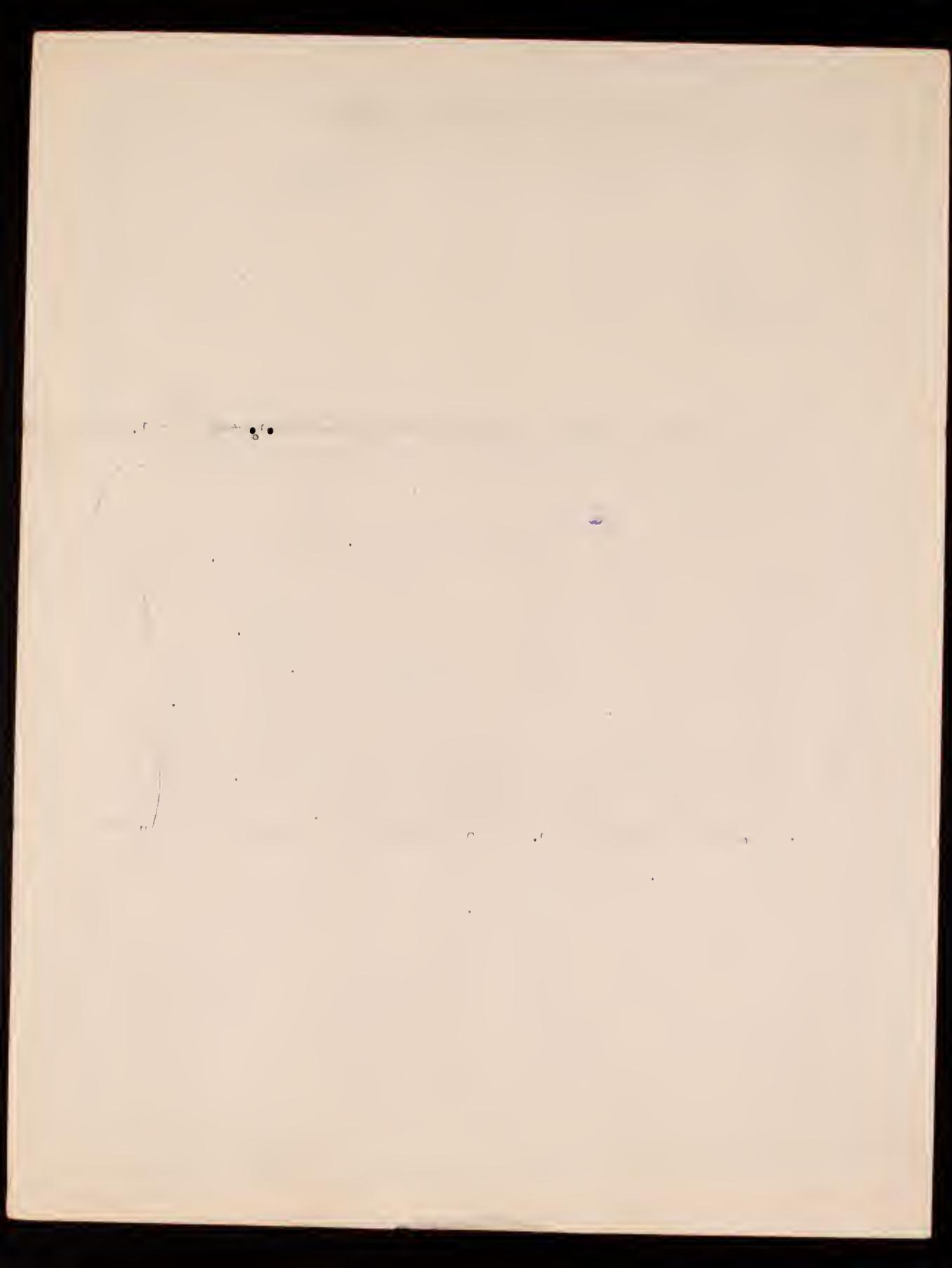
Again let us thank you for the use of the Chapel, and for the wonderful cooperation of all of you. We hope that when you are in Columbus you will stop and see us. Jean and I would be particularly glad to have you stop at our home.

Best wishes to you in your work.

Sincerely

Darold
A. Darold Hackler

ADH/m



New Concord, Ohio
April 30, 1953

Dear Friend,

On behalf of the Ohio Methodist Student Movement I wish to extend to you a hearty "thanks" for all you did to make it possible for the conference to be a success. We are greatly indebted to you for the splendid work you performed. In order for a conference to be held on any campus much preliminary planning and hard work must be done. You did an excellent job of work both before and during the conference. The meals were all delicious and well served. Everyone was completely satisfied. We hope it didn't crowd you too much with the housing arrangements. We who stayed in the dorms felt it was a wonderful experience and met many excellent girls and fellows on your campus. They are very friendly and cooperative. You do have a beautiful campus and it sounds from your president that you have many great dreams before you as to the growth of your campus.

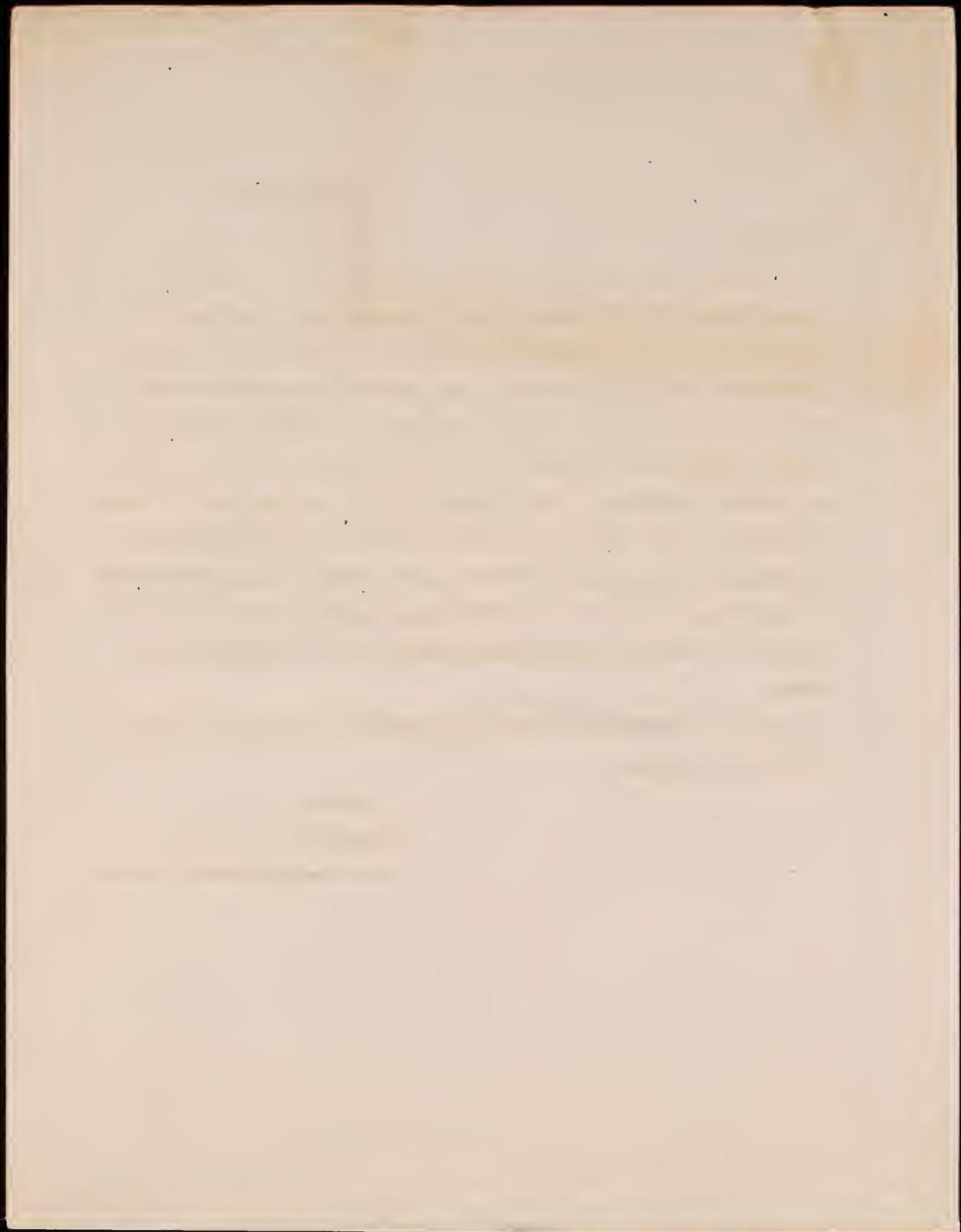
Again let us thank you for such kind hospitality you showed the O.M.S.M. while we were on campus.

Sincerely,

Janet Steele, Sect'y.

Ohio Methodist Student Movement.

P.S. We especially want to thank you for making the arrangements for the service to be held in the Chapel Saturday night.



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EDMUND B. PAXTON

Dr. Remondi Stoakes
Payne Theological Seminary
Wilberforce University
Wilberforce, Ohio

Dear Dr. Stoakes:

Your letter of the 13th stating that classes begin on the 29th of September, and that the Payne Singers would not be able to appear to the best advantage on October 3, has been received. My situation is such that our Promotion Day program must go on on the 1st Sunday in October and one of the things that we hoped to accomplish out of it is to raise some funds to augment the conference claims. It is not possible for us to change to a later date. I had anticipated that the boys would be just coming back from their vacation and perhaps would only have a very short time to prepare a program. However, I feel that they could account for themselves well if they can get in some rehearsals on the songs that they have sung together. We would expect their part of program to be between 15 minutes and an hour. The entire service we would hope to be not more than 1½ hours.

I called to give you my situation in the matter but you had already left the campus. I requested Dr. Howell to convey my message to you at the Pittsburgh Conference but for fear that you may not be attending the Pittsburgh Conference and may be at some other Conference in some other State, I decided to write this letter so it would be at Wilberforce when you arrive. I have already advertised their appearance and have been doing it all through the summer. It would be a great disappointment and a great disruption of my plans for Promotion Day if they do not appear.

If they will come I would still like to come down any day that you will be in Wilberforce next week to discuss the length of program and where they would fit in and also the matter of entertainment.

Very truly yours,

Edmund B. Paxton

Edmund B. Paxton
Supt. of St. Paul A. M. Church S.S.

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